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Subject: Cutting Environmental Programs in Hamilton

From: Eileen Booty

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 12:13 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>

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Don't do it!

We are better than that.

Thank you, Eileen. 1

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Subject: Defunding Climate Change Office Budget

From: Brian McHattie

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 2:01:26 PM

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Subject: Defunding Climate Change Office Budget

Good afternoon Council,

I understand that you are/will be entertaining a motion to defund the Climate Change Office as part of your 2026 budget deliberations.

I don't need to tell you how critical the work of the Climate Change Office is and how city funding leverages many hundreds of thousands of additional dollars for this important work. You'll know from the news that we are on track for a possible 3C warming which will result in catastrophic changes to the weather, more forest fires, horrible conditions for Hamiltonians and others around the world, as well as the further loss of species and ecosystem functions.

Therefore I beseech you to vote this misguided motion down. This is not the place to save money within the City budget.

Thanks very much,
Brian McHattie
Former Ward 1 Councillor

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Subject: Budget and Bike Lanes

From: Geoffrey Honey

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 10:35 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Budget and Bike Lanes

Dear Clerk, Could you please include this letter in the Budget?

Hello Tammy,

First off, I want to thank you so deeply for all the safety infrastructure you have advocated for and implemented in our Ward Four. The bicycle boulevards and signage have raised motorist awareness for vulnerable road users. The beg-button lights at King and Maple, and King and Edgemont have meant that I can bring our grandchildren safely to Gage Park while walking and cycling.

I am concerned, alarmed, that cuts to safe bicycle infrastructure are being considered in this round of budget deliberations. I volunteer with our local chapter of Cycling Without Age as a Pilot, Bike Buddy and Trainer. This program liberates shut in seniors by taking them for rides on city streets and the Waterfront Trail on a pedal electric Trishaw. The transformation in outlook, joy, and social engagement these seniors experience is invaluable. Our Pilots, who pedal the Trishaws and Bike Buddies, who attend the Trishaw on bikes for safety, a second set of brains and socialization for passengers, depend on safe cycling infrastructure. These volunteers are mostly seniors themselves. Our local CWA chapter has 100 returning volunteers (with more expressing interest), and 4 Trishaws running throughout the week. It is the gift that gives back, to our precious passengers, their families, the volunteers, the city, our social fabric. Our rides restore "the right to the wind in their hair" for these shut in seniors.

But this programme can only be safe and ethical if the Trishaws and bikes have safe infrastructure to carry on this vital work. Our safety, these seniors safety, should not be compromised as a budget line.

I urge you to consider this when making the tough monetary decisions in front of you,
Thank you for all you continue to do for Ward 4,

Geoffrey Honey

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Subject: Thank you for respecting your treaties obligations!

From: Bruna Nota

Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 9:46 AM

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Subject: Thank you for respecting your treaties obligations!

Dear Mayor and dear Councillors,

Even though some of you voted against it, I am very grateful to the majority of Councillors who voted to maintain the integrity of Hamilton budget.

By doing so you respect the undertaking embedded in your acknowledgment that Hamilton is part of the Treaty of 'One Bowl With One Spoon'. That acknowledgment commits you to take all necessary measures to honour the letter and the spirit of the Treaty. Collectively, you have lived up to that commitment.

Gratefully,

Bruna Nota

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Subject: Late budget motions

From: David Lloyd

Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2026 8:42 AM

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Madam Mayor,

I wish to express my dismay that two motions were added to the February 13 GIC at the end of the day on Feb 12, less than 24 hours before council votes were cast that will affect Hamiltonians. Their late inclusion left no chance for public correspondence to be added to the public agenda. Page 14 of the Mayor's Taskforce identifies the "intention to improve" four items including the following.

*Transparency regarding City of Hamilton activities and decisions: **Increasing the visibility and openness of the City's operations and decision-making processes to build trust and accountability.***

Why were they included so late? How long had they both been with Clerks before being added? Did Councillors submit them at that late hour or were they hung up with Clerks?

I request that next year's budget process sets a deadline for motions to be added to the agenda to give residents the chance to participate before voting occurs.

Sincerely,
David Lloyd Williams

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Subject: Do not weaken the climate change mandate

From: Carolyn Zanchetta

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 12:22 PM

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Subject: Do not weaken the climate change mandate

Dear Councilors and Mayor,

It is imperative to maintain the Office of Climate Change at the City of Hamilton and continue funding their activities. We have declared a climate emergency and must take action for our future - the best time to do so is now.

Thank you,
Carolyn Zanchetta
Outreach Director
Hamilton Naturalists' Club